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Berry Brook clean water work begins next phase

The City of Dover is kicking off the next phase of its ongoing commitment to clean up Berry Brook. This spring, the city will install several "bioretention stormwater management practices" on Roosevelt Drive. These devices filter pollutants from stormwater and reduce the volume of water flowing into the brook. The Roosevelt Street projects utilize an innovative approach where stormwater treatment designs incorporate natural features such as plants and soil to remove pollution and infiltrate runoff.

Berry Brook is a small urban stream that flows through central Dover. Close to 30 percent of its highly developed watershed consists of paved surfaces. Stormwater flows over these surfaces picking up sand, oil, pet waste, and other contaminants which are then discharged to the brook without treatment. A goal of the Berry Brook project is to capture stormwater runoff and clean it before it reaches the brook. The city is working with multiple partners to achieve this goal including the UNH Stormwater Center, local residents, and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

Additional activities in this multi-year restoration project include installation of multiple stormwater management practices throughout the watershed to clean up water and reduce flooding, daylighting a section of the brook piped underground for over one-hundred years, and trash

Meetings this week:

Zoning Board, June 19, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, June 19, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click [here](#).

For a complete list of weekly meetings, visit www.dover.nh.gov.

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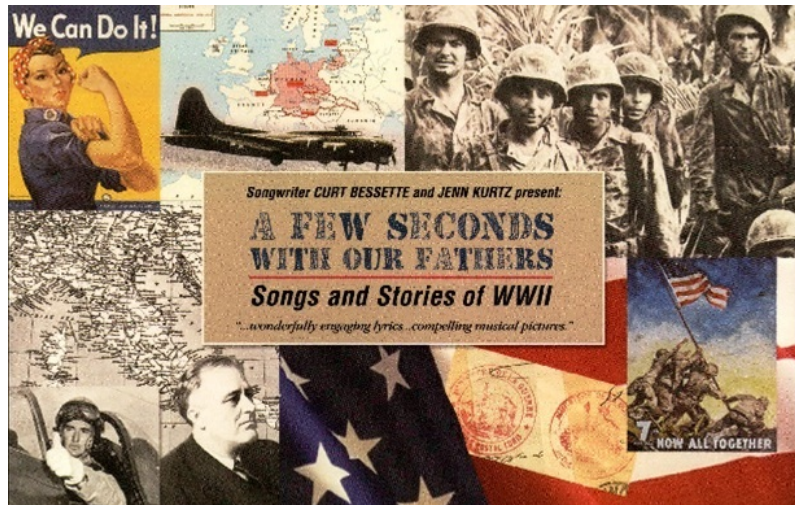
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removal along the length of the brook. These combined efforts are anticipated to result in significant water quality, habitat, and recreational benefits.

The Roosevelt Street stormwater improvement project is supported in part by the Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment and the Royal Bank of Canada Blue Water Project and through a Watershed Assistance Grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services.



"Songs and Stories of WWII" at the Dover Public Library June 17

The Friends of the Dover Public Library will host songwriting duo Curt Bessette and Jenn Kurtz for a nostalgic and moving musical program, "A Few Seconds with Our Fathers: Songs and Stories of WWII" in the library's Lecture Hall on Tuesday evening, June 17 at 7 p.m.

The program will honor WWII veterans and their generation through stories and Bessette's original songs. The songs are about Pearl Harbor, the war in Europe, veterans returning home with emotional and physical wounds, life on the Home Front... and the historical facts surrounding these songs and stories.



**Curt Bessette and
Jenn Kurtz**

Several of the songs are about Bessette's father, a WWII veteran, and a son's awareness that his father, like so

many veterans who came home, never said a word about his war experiences. Bessette and Kurtz's performance will also include popular war-era songs which represented that generation's hope for the future.

Bessette has performed throughout the United States. He was a songwriting finalist in folk festivals in Texas and New York. He has recorded four CDs of original songs, instructs music in Portsmouth and teaches songwriting in Adult Ed programs in Maine and New Hampshire.

Kurtz is a respected harmony singer who performs in numerous venues throughout New England. She has an extensive social services background, working with members of the WWII generation.

This program is free and open to all. For more information, call the Dover Library at 603-516-6050.



Sunday road race requires some morning road closures

The Avis Goodwin Father's Day 5K will be held Sunday, June 15, at 9 a.m. The race, part of the Dover Race Series, begins and ends in the vicinity of Margaritas Restaurant, 23 Members Way. The route is an out-and-back course using Indian Brook Drive, Sixth Street, Venture Drive and Members Way. Police detail officers will be on hand.

Before and during the race, traffic will be affected as follows:

- Venture Drive will be closed to all traffic from 9 to 9:45 a.m.;
- Members Way will be closed to all traffic from 9 to 10 a.m.;
- Sixth Street will be closed in the northerly direction from 9 to 9:20 a.m.;
- Indian Brook Drive will be closed briefly at the start of the race.

Parking for this event will primarily be at the Wentworth-

Douglass Hospital professional building at 10 Members Way, with some limited overflow parking at the New England Equine Medical Center (15 Members Way) and at the Park-n-Ride / C&J Bus facility (23 Indian Brook Drive).



Foster's Daily Democrat photo

Dover Career Technical Center students received T-shirts Tuesday for their work on BizEdConnect, the new website connecting area firms to potential interns. Also honored was retiring Dover High School Career Services Coordinator April O'Keefe, as this is her last year at the school. From left, Mayor Karen Weston; students Matthew Ferri, Noa Holt-Shannon, Wes Cannon, Carter Merrill; O'Keefe; and City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. Other students who worked on BizEdConnect but could not attend the event included Katherine Pendleton and Austin Long.

BizEdConnect: The new face of vocational education

By JEREMIAH TURNER
Foster's Sunday Citizen

This is not your parents' "voc-tech" program anymore.

That's the message from April O'Keefe, career services coordinator at Dover High School. She recently explained what is going on in area high schools that's beginning to pay off in big ways for students who want good jobs when they graduate, and for local firms that need trained workers.

BizEdConnect is a program of the Dover Business and

Industrial Development Authority.

Three years ago it formed to connect students with area businesses that wanted to use them as interns, train them and possibly hire them when they graduated.

It now has partnerships with a number of companies and is placing more and more students in interesting positions.

Dream of working every day with dogs, tearing down and rebuilding office machines, designing websites, running high-speed looms? These are just some of the positions available.

The student interns, some paid some not, gain invaluable work experience. If they like it and are a good fit, some even may be offered full-time jobs after graduation.

The program works with students at Career Technical Centers in Dover, Rochester and Somersworth high schools. Students have to apply to get in and typically work full time in the summer between their junior and senior years, then part-time their senior year.

They can specialize in 15 different areas, from biotechnology to building construction.

This is not just for those who are not college-bound anymore, either. They can pursue a degree while they work. In fact, some courses they take while in high school count toward college credit.

Take Cramer Fabrics in Dover, a manufacturer of industrial fabrics used in all sorts of applications.

Two interns have worked there every year since the program began. Cramer has offered four of them full-time jobs when they graduate.

Textiles have a bad rap as a boring industry that long ago left New England. The truth is textile manufacturing is high-tech these days.

Cramer is an international firm with a robust business making all sorts of sophisticated fabrics. Weaving synthetic fibers into customized material requires skills that take a long time to develop. Student interns get to experience this first-hand and maybe make it a career.

Those who stay on can earn far more than other workers in industries typically considered "blue-collar," said Annette Studebaker, general manager.

Another place that's used BizEdConnect interns with success is Certified Retail Solutions, a neighbor of Cramer Fabrics in Dover's Enterprise Park.

This firm maintains and repurposes computerized equipment for retailers. It has seven interns now and has hired two previous graduates.

Yet another business that is bullish on the program is K9Kaos, also in Dover, where interns interested in animal care get to take care of dogs all day at this doggie day care center.

Last month, BizEdConnect reached another milestone with the launch of a new website that explains all this, including video of students working at some of the business partners.

It was produced by the students themselves who interned at media companies Calypso and Big Hit Media. Go to www.bizedconnect.com to see more.

There is a form online to fill out if you are a business that's interested in having interns from the program, or if you're a student that wants to participate.

Talking about participation, O'Keefe said the program has created quite a buzz at DHS.

Students see their peers who are enrolled in the program doing interesting things, learning skills for the future, making money. They are taking notice and many more want in.

"It's changing the culture in the classroom," said O'Keefe. "I have kids coming in as freshmen who ask what they can do to get into the program."

It also is giving firms a pool of job applicants who can hit the ground running. Many of these are manufacturers who say they have a hard time finding qualified workers.

There is a good reason BizEdConnect is being talked about at the state Department of Education. It's a win, win situation for everyone.

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Dover's Career Technical Center:

Calling on firms that need good workers

By JEREMIAH TURNER
Foster's Sunday Citizen

If you visit the Dover High School Career Technical Center, historic photographs on a hall wall illustrate how far it's come.

The black and white images are from the school's predecessor, the Dover Industrial School, taken in the 1890s. They reinforce all the worst preconceptions most of us used to have about vocational education.

Pictured are students, boys in the machine shop and drafting classes. The girls are in the laundry and sewing rooms.

A tour of the Dover school these days shows how far technical education has come.

Today, there are 14 different specialties students sign up for at the CTC, which partners with Dover, Rochester and Somersworth high schools for students and curriculum.

These range from engineering to automotive, animal science to marketing, culinary to building.

Want to work with horses? Customize classic cars? Develop websites? Design a bridge? Get your electrician's or beautician's license? The list goes on.

The two- to three-year programs prepare students for all types of occupations, requiring skills in a range of areas, most technical.

Indeed, many of the students can earn college credits for their work. Many also will leave here ready to go to work. And that is where the disconnect occurs.

The U.S. has lamented the loss of its manufacturing overseas. Employers cry out about not finding qualified employees.

Well, thanks to taxpayer funded public education, the Dover CTC increasingly is turning out kids with the right stuff.

The problem is there are more who enter the program now who want to intern than there are businesses on the list.

It's a dilemma of connection, said April O'Keefe, the Center's career services coordinator.

O'Keefe and others involved know there are more companies with jobs out there. They just think many firms don't know what the CTC does and don't understand the quality students it can provide.

"We're an overlooked resource," said O'Keefe, who is retiring this year after 12 years at the Center.

She has seen workplace needs get even more technical in her time there. The CTC has kept up with those training needs but being able to place students in internships is a critical part.

Its facility will continue to stay modern, thanks to recent news that the state will pay for most of the cost of an \$18 million renovation to the Center.

The problem remains connecting the kids with employers.

An initiative to help pair student interns with businesses began three years ago by the Dover Business & Industrial Development Authority. It got a big boost this spring, thanks to the students themselves.

Kids with expertise in art, videography, website design and other things designed a logo and created a website - www.bizedconnect.com.

On it, there are videos of students working at firms that have hooked up with the Center. There also is an online form where students and more importantly businesses can sign up.

When they do they'll be contacted by the Center and the educational process can begin.

As Dover Economic Development Director Dan Barufaldi said recently, firms that are considering relocating here ask two important questions.

First is about the taxes. Second is whether the area has a qualified workforce?

Graduates from the CTC, especially those that can find internships, leave ready to go to work and contribute.

O'Keefe said another drawback to finding more willing companies is a misconception that students don't have the "soft" social skills needed in a workplace. The CTC is working on this but often it has to do with getting experience in a work setting, which internships provide.

She said CTC instructors are eager to help, by finding companies the "right" students who are ready for internships.

There is another thing about those old photos of the Industrial School. The students back then just looked grim, as if their fate was sealed to lives of drudgery.

These days, in the halls in Dover, there is nothing grim about the students. They seem genuinely excited about what they're doing.

And they should be, probably more so than many kids in the halls of four-year colleges who are not even sure if their degree can land them a job. What's going on at CTC these days can lead to good paying jobs and careers, in areas that interest the students. And often it won't involve taking on a lot of unnecessary debt.

This is education with a purpose. All it needs now is more firms to make the connection.

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Ward 3 Councilor Thibodeaux hosts coffee talk Saturday

Ward 3 City Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux will hold a "Coffee with the Councilor" on Saturday, June 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Baby Ben's Coffee House on Dover Point Road.



**Ward 3
Councilor
Deborah
Thibodeaux**

The councilor hosts "Coffee with the Councilor" the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

The sessions are open to all.

For more information, contact Councilor Thibodeaux at d.thibodeaux@dover.nh.gov or (603) 988-1736.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



June 16, 1862 - A heavy frost destroys corn in many places in Dover.



June, 1792 - The State Legislature sits in the new Court House, recently completed in Dover, making Dover the state Capitol. In this court house, many of the state's most famous attorneys were heard, including Daniel Webster, Jeremiah Mason, Ichabod Bartlett and Jeremiah Smith. It is written that Daniel Webster, while living in Portsmouth, would ride horseback through Newington, across the Piscataqua River bridge, on to Leighton's Hill where he would call on William King Atkinson, and together they would ride in a most friendly manner to the Dover Court House, where all day they would wage fierce legal battles. The United States District Court would also convene here for a time, with Judge John Sullivan presiding. The Courthouse was later converted into tenements, and in the 1920s, a garage and gas station.



June, 1982 - A lawsuit filed by Dover-based Clarostat Manufacturing Company shareholders against the company's chairman, Glen Swanson, is dropped. Dissident shareholders had tried to remove Swanson from his post, maintaining he had not attended a company annual meeting in seven years. Swanson lived in Los Angeles. In addition, shareholders argued that Clarostat had not paid dividends since 1962. Clarostat officials argued the funds had been reinvested. After the suit was dropped, the shareholders' common stock was bought out by Clarostat for \$1.78 million cash and \$201,000 in legal fees. Swanson, still in California, was allowed to remain as chairman. Clarostat was then a \$20 million electronic parts producer and employed many hundreds of people while in operation in Dover.



June, 1812 - The "Dover Cotton Factory" is incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000, the first attempt at manufacturing on an extensive scale in this town. As the lower falls were owned and occupied by the Waldron family, who would not sell their saw and grist mills, the Cotton Factory had to erect its first mill at the falls, two miles up the river, at a point ever since called the Upper Factory. The first mill was built under the direction of John Williams. The first yard of cloth was woven there in 1814. It was kept in operation until about 1840.

Temporary sign permit renewals in Dover due July 1

The City of Dover Planning Department is reminding the business community that renewals of temporary sign permits are due by no later than July 1, 2014. The City's Zoning Ordinance allows temporary signs for businesses located in the Central Business District (CBD), the Cochecho Waterfront District (CWD), the Thoroughfare Business (B-3) District, and the Gateway (B-5) District. Temporary signs are not permitted in any other zoning district.

Where allowed, temporary signs require a permit issued by the Planning Department. The permit is valid for one year, and can be renewed annually. The Planning Department administers temporary sign permits so that all permit renewals are due on July 1, every year. For signs located on a City sidewalk or within a City right-of-way, the permit application must be accompanied by a hold harmless letter (included with the application form) and proof of insurance.

In addition, temporary signs located in the CBD or CWD Districts must demonstrate compliance with the "mill motif" design criteria. Originally developed in the 1980s to help ensure that signage in downtown is reflective of Dover's historic character, these criteria as applied to temporary signs were recently modified by the Planning Board.

Tim Corwin, Assistant City Planner, explains that the design criteria modifications are intended to provide "additional flexibility for the City's business owners, while at the same time ensuring that temporary signs meet some basic design standards to help maintain an attractive downtown."

In connection with the permit renewal deadline, the Planning Department will perform an on the ground inventory of temporary signs some time after July 1. The purpose of this effort will be to ensure that all temporary signs on display in the City of Dover have a permit.

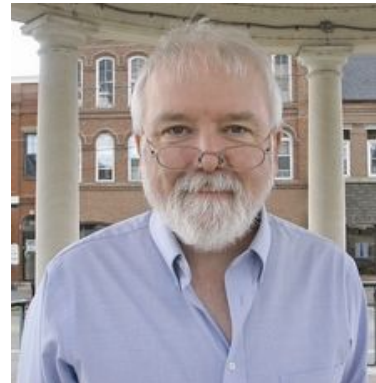
"Our goal is always equal and fair enforcement of our regulations," Corwin said.

For temporary signs on display in districts where temporary signs are not permitted, City staff will contact the business displaying the sign and ask that it be removed.

Applications for temporary sign permits can be found on the Planning Department website. Copies are also available at the office of the Planning Department, located on the first floor of City Hall, open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Author Brendan DuBois at the Dover Public Library June 16

Come to the Dover Public Library on Monday, June 16, at 7 p.m. for a talk and book signing with author Brendan Dubois. Dubois has just published his eighth Lewis Cole mystery, "Fatal Harbor" (Pegasus Books, 2014), set in Tyler Beach, NH (a fictionalized Hampton). These mysteries feature a retired Department of Defense analyst who's trying to live a quiet life as a reporter on the NH seacoast, but who ends up solving murders.



Brendan Dubois

Dubois grew up in Dover with his parents, Arthur and Mary, and his five brothers. He attended St. Thomas Aquinas High School and graduated from UNH. Before he was a best-selling author, Dubois worked, among other jobs, as a reporter for Foster's Daily Democrat and the Hampton Union. He is the author of 16 novels including a science fiction trilogy and several alternative histories. He has also written over 120 short stories. He has twice won a Shamus Award from the Private Eye Writers of America and has been nominated on three occasions for an Edgar

Allan Poe Award. His stories have been included in many prestigious anthologies such as "Best American Mystery Stories of the Century" and "Best American Noir Stories of the Century".

Dubois was also a one-time champion on the quiz show "Jeopardy".

He now lives in Exeter.

For more information on this free program, call the Dover Public Library at 603-516-6050.

Guided walking tours of historic Dover

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will once again offer Guided Walking Tours of Historic Dover on Saturday mornings this summer, from May 24 through Sept. 13. Tours begin at 10:30 a.m.

Tours begin at the Dover Chamber and will leisurely stroll through Dover's Historic Downtown area, with numerous stops along the way during which the Guide will point out places of interest, offer historical perspective, and share stories and anecdotes about the people, places and events that have helped shape Dover.

Reservations are recommend and can be made by calling 603-742-2218.

City's boards and commissions keep our community vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation, including new members to fill vacant positions.

The boards and commissions below are now seeking to fill vacancies for regular and alternate seats:

- Arena Commission
- Conservation Commission
- Energy Commission
- Ethics Commission

- Open Lands Committee
- Pool Advisory Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Utilities Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about how to apply for boards and commissions, click [here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, click [here](#). Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

The Cook & Baker now open at the McConnell Center

The McConnell Center welcomes The Cook & Baker to the McConnell Center Cafe.



The Cook & Baker offers fresh take out, family size entrees and flash-frozen meals for later in the week.

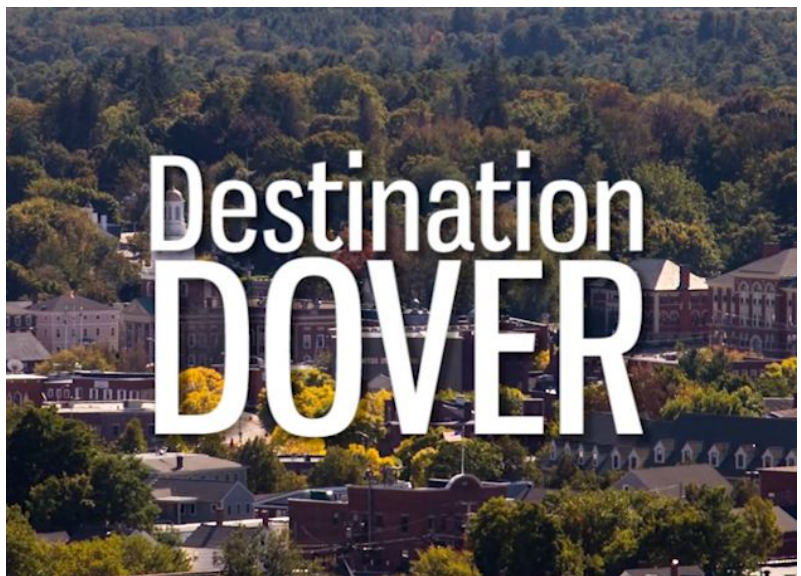
Visit for lunch or dinner, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, or to view the menu, visit thecookbaker.com.

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Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, click [here](#).

Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

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